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Based on numerous complaints received, the public service commission has written a letter to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company insisting that that company comply with all the provisions of the Oregon statutes regulating companies of that kind.

J. F. Johnson of St. Helens. Service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has been discontinued at Brooks, Marion county, according to information filed by the company at the office of the public service commission.

If an investigation which Governor Withycombe has been making quietly at the state penitentiary for many months reveals that the rapid ascent of operation costs at the prison is due to causes that are avoidable, Warden Charles A. Murphy will be removed and a successor appointed. The governor made this statement recently.

In a letter to the teachers of the state J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, is making suggestions relative to how they may make up the time that has been lost while the schools have been closed on account of the influenza epidemic. Among other suggestions the superintendent advises keeping school in session from 9 o'clock until 4, the elimination of all possible holidays, and in extreme cases the holding of a session in the forenoon on Saturdays.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Cacilia Mielke—Editor

School opened Monday after having been closed for one month. The students and teachers found the floors all newly oiled and also new window boards at all the windows.

Basket ball practice is scheduled to begin as soon as the lights come on. There are prospects of a very good team this year for many of the best players are still in school. A good many interesting and exciting games are promised again this season.

During the time school was closed Mrs. Peary was with her folks in Oakland, Oregon. Miss Miller at her home in Portland. Miss Schifferer with her folks in Turner, and Mrs. Humphreys with her parents near Mehama, Oregon. The rest of the faculty members remained in Stayton.

The high school received a very great shock on Thursday of last week when the news came that Mr. D. C. Davis, who for three years had charge of the commercial department and orchestra in the school here, had accidentally shot himself on November 12, at Prineville, Ore., where he had been teaching since September of this year. Mr. Davis in company with Prof. Evans of Prineville were duck hunting on a small lake nine miles from that town when

the accident occurred. Mr. Davis standing up in the boat from which they were hunting, shot at a flock of ducks. The discharge of the gun caused him to rock back and forth and finally to pitch forward into the water. As he touched the water, there was the report of a gun which was later found to be his own and which exploded when he struck the water. After the shot, Mr. Davis got up and with the assistance of Prof. Evans got into the boat where he died in two or three minutes without uttering a word. Prof. Evans summoned help immediately and Mr. Davis was taken to Prineville where two days later an open air funeral service was held. The body was then brought to Corvallis, where another service was held Saturday, November 16, at the Chas. Hout residence, after which the burial took place in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. As a token of their sympathy, the Stayton high school Student Body sent a beautiful broken wheel made of roses and lilies, the spokes being tiny pink flowers. The sympathy of the entire school is extended to the bereaved relatives. Mr. Davis will never be forgotten by his many friends here.

State Superintendent Churchill and County Superintendent Smith, in their annual rounds of investigating Standard Schools, visited here Monday evening, checking the scientific apparatus and investigating the library.

Miss Cacilia Mielke spent several days recently visiting Miss Minnie Poley at Corvallis.

Two of the Domestic Science girls are proudly wearing their new dresses that they have just completed.

Since school has opened Mr. Grover is found in a new class room. During their vacation he moved into the library room and now hears all his classes there.

Mr. Alva Smith is in receipt of a letter from his son Wallace from Siberia. Wallace writes that he had a fine trip across the Pacific but a very long one, with two stops in Japan, where he says he saw some queer sights while ashore. He and William Smith are still together and Wallace writes that they are well and feeling fine.

Calvin Bracken, a member of last year's Freshmen class, arrived in Stayton Tuesday from Portland, where he has been for several days. Previous to coming to Portland he was employed in Astoria.

A member was chosen from each class to solicit money from the high school students for the

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Eugene Ditter, who attended high school here last year, was seen in Stayton during the week end. He is now attending the S. A. T. C. at Corvallis.

Word comes from Leo Klecker that he is still in Sandiego and that his camp is still under quarantine for the influenza, although they are allowed some liberties now.

Simplified spelling has found its found its way into the Physics class. One of the members of said class has written Physics so as to read "Fiziks". Congratulations to the person with the brilliant mind!

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